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(2) If examination discloses cause for rejecting the change, the Assistant Secretary shall provide the State a reasonable time, generally not to exceed 30 days, to submit to the Regional Administrator for review and submission to the Assistant Secretary a revised supplement, or to show cause why a proceeding should not be commenced either for rejection of the change or for failure to meet the developmental schedule, in accordance with the procedures in §1902.17 of this chapter on rejection of State plans.

(e) The Assistant Secretary shall review a supplement in the context of the entire plan to see whether it meets the assurances provided in the plan for an "at least as effective" program and whether there is a reasonable expectation that the plan will meet the requirements of the Act and the criteria in part 1902 within the three year developmental period. The decision shall reflect the Assistant Secretary's determination as to whether the supplement meets these requirements.

(f) If a timely request is submitted by the State, a final decision on a developmental change supplement will, to the extent practicable, be made no later than 60 days after the close of the period for written public comment or a hearing, whichever is relevant, unless the Assistant Secretary determines that the change is minor. The Assistant Secretary may defer publication of minor changes until the end of each full year of operations under the plan. The deferral of publication would not be appropriate where the change under consideration included a failure to meet a developmental step.

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§ 1953.20 Definitions.

When the Assistant Secretary determines that any alteration in the Federal program could have an adverse impact on the "at least as effective as" status of the State program, a program

change supplement to a State plan shall be required. Examples of Federal program changes that would require a supplement include promulgation or modification of standards, including emergency temporary standards; revisions in enforcement policies or procedures; and legislative or regulatory changes in the Federal program, including recordkeeping and reporting requirements. A Federal program change that would either not affect or that would result in no diminution of the effectiveness of a State plan, generally would not require action by the States.

§ 1953.21 Standards supplements.

(a)(1) In accordance with section 18(c) of the Act, §1902.3(c)(1) and (2) and §1902.4(b)(2)(i) through (vii) of this chapter, and the assurances contained in an approved plan, each State has agreed that its standards, including emergency temporary standards, will continue to be identical to or at least as effective as Federal standards promulgated under section 6 of the Act relating to issues covered by the approved plan. The requirement to be at least as effective includes promulgation of new standards as well as modifications, revisions, or revocations of existing standards. Since a State may include standards in addition to Federal standards within an issue covered by an approved plan. It would generally not be necessary for a State to revoke a standard when the comparable Federal standard is revoked and no substitute Federal standard is promulgated.

(2) However, in the case of product standards where section 18(c)(2) of the Act requires that State plans meet certain tests before more stringent standards can be adopted or retained by the States, the modification, revision, or revocation of the Federal product standards would necessitate the modification, revision, or revocation of the comparable State standard unless the State product standard is required "by compelling local conditions and [does] not unduly burden interstate commerce." (See 29 CFR 1952.7).